

SENATE BILL 1285

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to drivers with diabetes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Any person whose driver license is subject to suspension due to a traffic violation or accident related to the person's insulin reaction while operating a motor vehicle, and who has had no prior insulin reactions while operating a motor vehicle, shall be provided a grace period of six (6) months from the date fixed for license suspension and shall be entitled to retain the license solely for the purpose of going to and from work at the person's regular place of employment.

(b) If the person does not have an insulin reaction during the authorized six-month grace period provided by subsection (a), then the person's license shall not be suspended and shall be reinstated upon submission to the department of a certified statement from a physician duly licensed to practice medicine that the person has been free of insulin reactions during the six-month grace period. If an insulin reaction occurs following expiration of the six-month grace period, the person's license shall be subject to suspension as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.